

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Child and Family Services Agency



CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

## DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

**CONTRACT NO.:** DCRL-2012-R-0082  
**CAPTION:** Mental Health Trauma Services  
**PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:** Dr. Abyssinia Washington  
**PROGRAM AGENCY:** Child and Family Services Agency

### FINDINGS

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702

2. **MINIMUM NEED:**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has an immediate need for the services of Dr. Abyssinia Washington to provide trauma-focused mental health treatment to children recently removed from their biological home due to severe psychological trauma.

3. **ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:**

\$14,300

4. **FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:**

- (a) The proposed provider, Dr. Abyssinia Washington, provides trauma focused treatment to youth. Dr. Abyssinia Washington has extensive experience working with victims of child abuse through the Children's Advocacy Center.
- (b) Due to the sensitive nature of the case and the level of trauma suffered, a skilled and experienced clinician is essential to help the children gain skills for dealing with stress and to alleviate painful emotions.
- (c) The proposed provider is aware of the services to be provided and is capable of performing services, and has performed in this capacity before. Dr. Washington has advanced training in forensic psychological assessment, play therapy, neurological bases and process of trauma, psychological first aid and evidence-supported models of

treatment intervention.

- (d) Due to the nature and intensity of the abuse, treatment for the children needs to be in place as soon as possible to ensure the best possible outcome.
- (e) A market survey was performed by attempting to locate providers that have trauma focused treatment for youth in the District of Columbia. Gil Center for Healing and Play was considered, but appointments would be difficult to obtain in this immediate situation. Angela Shields, of CAC, who has a background in trauma-based therapy was another resource considered, but she also recommended Gil Center.

**5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

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Date

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Director  
Brenda Donald

**6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:**

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

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Date

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Tara Sigamoni  
Chief Contracting Officer

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

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Date

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Tara Sigamoni  
Agency Chief Procurement Officer